

Residential Safety Continued...

- Keep newspapers and mail picked up while you are gone.
- Keep valuables well hidden, especially checkbooks and extra checks.
- Record and safely store serial numbers from valuable items, such as electronics and firearms.
- Keep premises well lit at night.
- Never let a stranger into your home, not even to make a phone call. Make the call for them while they wait outside.
- Never give information indicating when you will or will not be at home.
- Never let strangers know you live alone.
- If you are gone overnight, use automatic timers on interior lights to give the appearance that the residence is occupied.

Notify law enforcement when you are going to be away for extended periods, and request a vacation watch on your residence!!!

TIPS FOR VEHICLE SAFETY:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Never leave your vehicle running, unattended.
- Keep all valuables hidden or out of unattended vehicles. Use the trunk!
- If leaving your vehicle unattended for extended periods, secure the garage door opener away from the vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle in good mechanical condition.
- Do not leave a hidden key attached to outside of your vehicle.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to a public place, never home.

Vehicle Safety Continued...

- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- If a motorist appears stalled, go to the nearest phone and call the police.
- If you get stranded along the roadway, raise the hood slightly and display a SEND HELP sign.
- Lock yourself inside your vehicle and wait for police.
- If a stranger stops, do not get out of your car. Ask them to call for assistance for you.

REMEMBER:

If something seems suspicious, it probably is! Don't second guess yourself and don't try to investigate it yourself. Contact the Police and let them determine if a crime has occurred. It is better to be safe than sorry! Together, we can continue to make our communities safe for all.

If you are a victim of a crime, then be a good witness. Report the crime immediately, and provide law enforcement with as much detail as possible regarding the suspect(s). You don't have to go through this process alone.

You local police department can provide you with information regarding:

- Vacation House Checks
- Home Security Surveys
- Block Watch Information

Duvall-Carnation Police Department

Report Crime Immediately!!! CALL 911

Duvall Police Department
26225 NE Stephens Street
Duvall, WA. 98019

Police Business Number

425-788-1519



DUVALL-CARNATION POLICE

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

<http://duvallwa.gov/departments/police.html>



The Duvall-Carnation Police Department values its relationships with the citizens that it serves. Criminal activity that affects our citizens can come in many forms, ranging from assault, burglary, robbery, and theft. The police department and its members pride themselves on ensuring that the communities in which we serve are safe for all people, whether they are residents, friends and family of residents, or tourists passing through. We feel that an informed community is a safe community; therefore, we have created this pamphlet to help provide safety tips that you can use to help yourselves minimize the possibility of being victimized.

The most common types of crimes that our citizens may fall victim to, fall into (3) three categories of safety:

1. PERSONAL SAFETY
2. RESIDENTIAL SAFETY
3. VEHICLE SAFETY

PERSONAL CRIMES:

Involve crimes that are directed at a person, typically the most violent of crimes, in which a criminal may obtain some type of benefit. This benefit is most likely going to be monetary, or for some, may include physical assault, that is sexually motivated. Crimes of these type can occur anywhere, and can become extremely violent, as it poses a greater risk of a suspect being identified.

RESIDENTIAL CRIMES:

Typically involve crimes at your residence, including, occupied and unoccupied residences, where the criminal motivation is generally based on obtaining items of value.

VEHICLE CRIMES:

Much like Residential Crimes, Vehicle Crimes, such as motor vehicle theft, can be completed while your vehicle is occupied or unoccupied. It is very apparent that most criminals would rather avoid the confrontation with a victim; therefore, they will look for vehicles that are not occupied. Confrontation with victims, can become extremely violent, and it poses a greater risk of a suspect being identified.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF, OR TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE THAT I MAY FALL VICTIM TO THESE TYPES OF CRIMES?

Law Enforcement cannot predict who is going to fall victim to crime, but we can provide tips to help minimize the chances of our citizens becoming victims. Additionally, we can provide tips for our citizens, that may aid in the apprehension of criminals, should they become a victim.

TIPS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Keep your money in your pocket, rather than in a purse or wallet.
- When shopping, do not leave your purse unattended.
- Portray a confident, and self-reliant person, walk like you have a mission.
- Do not walk or jog alone at night.
- Be especially alert when using ATMs and pay phones.

Personal Safety Continued...

- Never write Secret Codes or Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) on your credit or ATM cards.
- Do not release your personal information to anyone, unless you absolutely must.
- Only release your social security number if absolutely necessary.
- When disposing of personal documents, always shred papers that contain personal information.
- If you lose your credit or ATM cards, or bank checks, notify your bank or credit card company immediately.
- If someone makes you feel uncomfortable or the situation just does not seem right, trust your instincts and leave.
- Avoid excessive alcohol consumption.
- If you are attacked or robbed, or you witness violence, then be a good witness.

TIPS FOR RESIDENTIAL SAFETY:

- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Install good quality locks on doors and windows. Deadbolt door locks are always best. Sliding glass patio doors are frequent points of entry for burglars. They should always be reinforced by wedging a stick or pole firmly in the lower track behind the door.
- Unplug your automatic overhead garage door opener when leaving for an extended period of time.
- Install peepholes on doors.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed so doors and windows are not obscured.
- Ask reliable neighbors to watch your residence when you are away.